Schoharie County

Law Enforcement Review Mission Statement

The purpose of the Law Enforcement Review mandated by Executive Order 203 of June 12, 2020 is to assess current Schoharie County law enforcement policies, procedures, and practices with the intent of identifying opportunities for improvement as stated in Executive Order 203 and/or affirm current policies, procedures, and practices are compliant with best practices and in the interest of our citizens.

The initial process will be to appoint a core committee composed of key members of the Schoharie County law enforcement community, including but not limited to members of the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, Corrections, Indigent Legal Services. County Departments, including but not limited to Mental Health Department, Probation Department, Public Health and representation from the Board of Supervisors and Village Mayors.

Form sub-committees to focus on specific assigned areas in studying policies, procedures, and practices for the purpose of recommending to the core committee changes or affirmation of present policies, procedures, and practices. This may include, but is not limited to, interviewing and/or hearing testimony from stakeholders, public officials, law enforcement officials, county departments, and other persons with expertise and experience with the specific topic being reviewed by the sub-committee.

From the recommendations of the sub-committees, a draft policy addressing the concerns in Executive Order 203 will be formulated for public comment and recommendations by any and all citizens of Schoharie County. After receiving comments from the public, further revisions will be made as decided by the Core Committee for consideration as a Local Law or Resolution by the Board of Supervisors as appropriate.

All proceedings, testimony and statements will be conducted in public and advertised as practical.

The process will conclude by April 1, 2021 as required by Executive Order 203.